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SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES OF 28TH UNGA

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR MET WITH EXTAFF DIRECTOR UN AFFAIRS, D.K. DOHERTY, AUG 21 AND PRESENTED, AND SOLICITED SUPPORT FOR, US POSITION ON SIGNIFICANT ITEMS FACING 28TH UNGA (AS OUTLINED REFTEL). DOHERTY SAID GOC WOULD RESPOND IN DETAIL WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS AND OFFERED PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON SEVERAL GA ITEMS. END SUMMARY.

2. DOHERTY SAID GOC DOES NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC ITEM ON WHICH IT EXPECTS TO CONCENTRATE ITS ATTENTION NOR IS IT SEEKING ANY UN POST. HE SAID US POSITIONS WOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL STUDY AND THAT GOC WOULD CONTACT EMBASSY WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS WITH SPECIFIC COMMENTS.

3. DOHERTY OFFERED HIS PRLIMINARY VIEW THAT GOC
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WOULD GIVE BROAD SUPPORT TO US POSITION ON KOREAN

ITEM. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AND ON TERRORISM, AND ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOME PROGRESS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING OUT OF ONGOING ICAO CONFERENCE IN ROME.

4. DOHERTY SAID HE EXPECTS GOC WILL ADOPT A POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT OF LAST YEAR ON WDC. HE OFFERED NO COMMENTS ON NON-USE OF FORCE AND NAPALM ITEMS SAYING GOC HAD NOT YET ADDRESSED THESE QUESTIONS AND IMPLYING LITTLE INTEREST IN THEM. DOHERTY OFFERED NO COMMENT ON MIDDLE EAST ITEM.

5. ON AFRICA, DOHERTY OFFERED NO SPECIFICS OR ANTICIPATED GOC POSITIONS BUT HE DID NOTE THAT THERE WAS INCREASED PRESSURE IN CANADA FOR A MORE THOROUGH LOOK AT AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN GENERAL AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, AT THE POLICIES OF THE STATES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES. DOHERTY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE UPSURGE IN INTEREST IN AFRICA HAD BEEN PRECIPITATED BY THE SHOOTING OF TWO CANADIAN GIRLS ALONG THE ZAMBIA/RHODESIA BORDER AND AS A "SPIN-OFF" OF THE RECENT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA. DOHERTY SAID THAT THE COMMUNIQUE EMANATING FROM THE RECENT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE HAD BEEN INTERPRETED BY SOME AS OFFERING GREATER RECOGNITION TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HE SAID HE EXPECTED SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO TRY TO PRESSURE CANADA INTO A MORE SUPPORTIVE POSITION IN KEEPING WITH THEIR INTERPRETATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH COMMUNIQUE. DOHERTY SAID THAT, THE COMMONWEALTH COMMUNIQUE NOTWITHSTANDING, THE CANADIAN POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY ON THESE ISSUES AND THAT CANADA VIEWS THE COMMONWEALTH COMMUNIQUE ONLY AS A REAFFIRMATION OF THE CANADIAN POLICY OF OFFERING HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE REFUGEES OF CERTAIN REGIONS.

6. DOHERTY EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR ECOSOC AND WONDERED IF US MAY BE RATIFYING ECOSOC EXPANSION SOON. POLCOUNSELOR BRIEFED DOHERTY ALONG LINES REFTTEL. JOHNSON

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